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Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the references as listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in the prosecution of the subject application.

A copy of the above-mentioned references is enclosed herewith.

If there are any fees due in connection with this matter, please charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 01-0265. A duplicate of this paper is being submitted for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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